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SUBJECT: NECESSITY FOR SPECIAL INOCULATIONS

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1. DUE TO CONDITIONS FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE, WE ARE CONSIDERING ADVISABILITY OF SPECIAL INOCULATIONS, IN PARTICULAR TYPHOID AND GAMMA GLOBULIN, FOR ALL US AND GUATEMALAN EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE DEPENDENTS. ALTHOUGH NEITHER POST MEDICAL ADVISOR BELIEVES SUCH AN APPROACH WARRANTED, THEY SUGGEST GAMMA GLOBULIN INOCULATION SHOULD POTABLE WATER DETERIORATE ENOUGH TO CAUSE INCREASE HEPATITIS. IF TYPHOID INOCULATIONS WERE ADMINISTERED, THEY SUGGEST THREE, ONE WEEK APART.

2. CAPTAIN VICTOR WEHMAN, WATER SUPPLY EXPERT, ALSO RECOMMENDS AGAINST SPECIAL INOCULATION PROGRAM. HE HAS ENCOUNTERED NO INCIDENCE OF TYPHOID IN ANY SURVEY AREA. HE
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BELIVES THAT INOCULATION WITHOUT KNOWING TYPE OF

TYPHOID NOT BENEFICIAL. WITHIN FEW DAYS WEHMAN
EXPECTS POTABLE, CLORINATED TO 5 PPM, IN
SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF AREAS; TYPHOID, IF IT APPEARS
AT ALL, WOULD NOT COME FROM POTABLE WATER.

3. BASED ON FOREGOING, EMBASSY HAS DECIDED MERELY
UP DATE INOCULATIONS FOR AMERICANS. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE ON THIS AND ADVISABILITY
OF GIVING INITIAL TYPHOID INOCULATIONS TO CHILDREN
UNDER 7.

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